

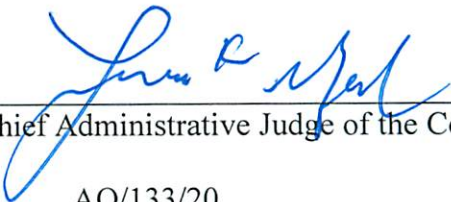
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and with the advice and consent of the Administrative Board of the Courts, I hereby amend Rule 6 of section 202.70(g) of the Uniform Rules for the Supreme and County Courts (Rules of Practice for the Commercial Division), effective November 16, 2020, to read as follows (new material underlined, deletions in strikethrough):

Rule 6. Form of Papers.

- (a) All papers submitted to the Commercial Division shall ~~comply not be~~ inconsistent with CPLR 2101 and section 202.5(a). Papers shall be double-spaced and contain print no smaller than twelve-point, or 8½ x 11 inch paper, bearing margins no smaller than one inch. Unless otherwise directed by the Court or provided in the Court's individual rules, all text in briefs and affidavits, including footnotes, shall use proportionally spaced 12-point serif typeface ~~The print size of footnotes shall be no smaller than ten point.~~ Papers also shall comply with Part 130 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator. Each electronically-submitted memorandum of law and, where appropriate, affidavit and affirmation shall include bookmarks providing a listing of the document's contents and facilitating easy navigation by the reader within the document.
- (b) For purposes of this Rule, a hyperlink means an electronic link between one document and another, and a bookmark means an electronic link permitting navigation among different parts of a single document. Material made accessible by hyperlinking does not thereby become part of the record, and citations to authorities shall appear in standard citation form, even if also hyperlinked.
- (c) Each electronically submitted memorandum of law or other document that cites to another document previously filed with NYSCEF shall include a hyperlink to the NYSCEF docket entry for the cited document enabling access to the cited document through the hyperlink. Hyperlinks may not provide access to documents filed under seal or otherwise not in the public record. Cited documents filed with NYSCEF that are accessible through bookmarks in the electronically submitted document need not also be hyperlinked.
- (1) The Court may require that electronically submitted memoranda of law include hyperlinks to cited court decisions, statutes, rules, regulations, treatises, and other legal authorities in either legal research databases to which the Court has access or in state or federal government websites. If the Court does not require such hyperlinking, parties are nonetheless encouraged to hyperlink such citations unless otherwise directed by the Court.

- (2) If a party certifies in good faith that it cannot include hyperlinks as required by this Rule or the Court without undue burden, due to limitations in its office technology or other showing of good cause, the Court may excuse the party from any otherwise applicable hyperlinking requirement.



Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts
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Date: September 29, 2020